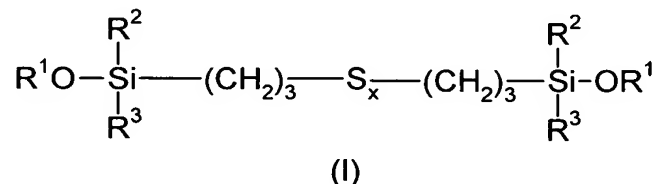


**TIRE AND TREAD COMPRISING A BIS-ALKOXY-SILANE TETRASULFIDE
AS COUPLING AGENT**

ABSTRACT

A tire or tire tread incorporating an elastomeric composition having improved vulcanization kinetics, based on at least a diene elastomer, a reinforcing inorganic filler and, as (inorganic filler/elastomer) coupling agent, a bis-alkoxysilane tetrasulfide of the formula:



in which:

the symbols R^1 , which may be identical or different, each represent a monovalent hydrocarbon group selected from among the group consisting of alkyls, whether straight-chain or branched, having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and alkoxyalkyls, whether straight-chain or branched, having from 2 to 8 carbon atoms;
 R^2 and R^3 , which may be identical or different, each represent a monovalent hydrocarbon group selected from among the group consisting of alkyls, whether straight-chain or branched, having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and the phenyl radical; and
 x is between about 3 and about 5.